

North Hills Community Baptist Church



October 20, 2024

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Dr. Jeremy Hall, Senior Pastor
Rev. Felicia Zamora,
Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care
Christine O'Neil, Director of Youth Ministries
Emmanuel Berrido, Director of Music
Greta Zewe, Sanctuary Production Manager
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Announcements

* **Children's Church:** Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are invited to children's church after the children's story. *A snack is provided. Please see an usher with any allergy concerns.*

Prayer Request Cards

Prayer request cards are available in the pew racks and in the narthex. The ushers will collect them before the service.

Lay Leader Workshop

Sunday, October 27 After Worship, Pizza Lunch Provided

Anyone interested in serving as a lay leader is invited to our Lay Leader Workshop. You will get all the tools needed to serve in this important ministry! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office so we can have lunch ready for you.

Catalyst Youth Halloween Fun!

Catalyst Youth will have their annual Halloween party Sunday, October 27th from 6-8 pm in Fellowship Hall. Wear your costume for the costume contest, bring a friend (or two!) and get ready to enjoy spooky food and fun! Prizes will be up for grabs so youth come ready for a frighteningly good time!

All Saints Day Service

Please join us for a special service on Sunday, November 3rd, at 11 a.m. as we honor the lives of our departed loved ones. If you have a photo of a loved one that you would like to share during the service, please send it to the church office at secretary@nhcbc.com no later than October 27th. Please include the name of your loved one with the photo.

This morning we welcome with the Right Hand of Christian Fellowship:

Jim and Ethelreda Beck. Both Jim and Ethelreda are retired and enjoy working in the garden and in the yard. Jim also enjoys woodworking and hunting, and Ethelreda likes to quilt.

Wallace is a junior at Hampton High School and enjoys mountain biking and his auto mechanics program.

We welcome you to
North Hills Community Baptist Church!

Responsive Prayer

Congregation: Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Leader: God, give us the grace to be steady in the midst of the storm that Alzheimer's can bring. Help us bring peace to those affected by this disease. As our loved ones face confusion, give us a calm spirit that reflects Your presence with us, right in the middle of all the uncertainty.

Congregation: Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Leader: Help us, Lord, to respond with love in the face of this devastating disease. When frustration rises, teach us to care with patience and grace. Help us to love, even when connection feels hard. Let our actions be a reflection of Your unending love, even when things are difficult.

Congregation: Where there is discord, union.

Leader: Alzheimer's can bring disconnection and confusion, but we ask for Your help in fostering unity. Help us to not only stay connected with our loved ones, but to find unity with others walking this same path. May our community be one of support, understanding, and love as we journey together.

Congregation: Where there is injury, pardon.

Leader: God, we admit we get angry and frustrated as we face the changes this disease brings. Help us forgive—ourselves and others—when emotions run high. Give us the strength to let go of those burdens and find healing, so that we can continue to love fully and deeply, without guilt or blame weighing us down.

Congregation: Where there is doubt, faith.

Leader: There are times, Lord, when we doubt—ourselves, our strength, and even You. In those moments, remind us of Your faithfulness. Give us courage to keep trusting, even when the way forward isn't clear. Strengthen our faith and help us remember that You never leave us, even in the darkest of times.

Congregation: Where there is despair, hope.

Leader: Alzheimer's often brings feelings of helplessness and despair, but we know You, Lord, are our hope. Help us hold onto that hope tightly, and make us instruments of hope for those around us who are struggling. Give us the strength to keep going, knowing that You are with us every step of the way.

Congregation: Where there is darkness, light.

Leader: Though Alzheimer's may cast a shadow over our lives, we know that You are the light; help us to see Your light shining in the darkness. Let that light guide us, and may we reflect Your light to our loved ones, finding moments of brightness and clarity through Your presence.

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Congregation: And where there is sadness, joy.

Leader: Alzheimer's brings deep sadness as we slowly lose pieces of those we love. But God, help us find joy in the small moments we have left. Let us cherish the time we still share, and discover joy in the love that remains. Walk with us through both the sorrow and the joy, and remind us that we are not alone.

Congregation: O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console.

Leader: Help us to care for others, Lord, even when we're hurting ourselves. Give us the strength to reach out and offer comfort to those also affected by Alzheimer's. And as we support one another, may we find healing and community along the way.

Congregation: To be understood, as to understand.

Leader: Alzheimer's changes the way our loved ones communicate, and sometimes it's hard not being understood. But help us, Lord, to let go of that need. Give us grace to listen with patience and compassion, and help us to understand the person behind the disease. Thank You for being the One who understands us fully.

Congregation: To be loved, as to love.

Leader: God, even when Alzheimer's changes the way we give and receive love, help us keep love alive. Let us care for our loved ones with tenderness, knowing that in loving them, we are reflecting Your love for us. Grow us in love through this journey, trusting that Your love will sustain us.

Congregation: For it is in giving that we receive.

Leader: Help us, Lord, to keep giving, even when we feel tired. And teach us to receive help when we need it. Remind us that in both giving and receiving, we're sharing in the grace You so freely offer to us.

Congregation: It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

Leader: We ask for Your forgiveness, God, for the moments when we don't get it right—when frustration or sadness overwhelms us. Help us to forgive ourselves and trust that our loved ones forgive us too. Let Your mercy bring us peace as we navigate the struggles of this journey.

Congregation: And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Leader: Lord, Alzheimer's leads us through a long goodbye. Help us to endure the slow loss of those we love, and when the time comes, grant us peace in knowing that they are fully restored in Your presence. Let the hope of eternal life comfort us as we trust in Your promise of reunion and renewal.

Leader and Congregation together: Amen.

Adapted by Jeremy Hall, from a prayer by Dana Territo, Director of Services, Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Thank You for Serving This Week and Next

	<u>October 20</u>	<u>October 27</u>
Nursery/Toddler Room	Caitlin O'Neil	Aurora Clark
Ushers	Amy Mendicino	Suzi Hines
	Grey Porterfield	Needed

Thank you to our worship team:

Song Leaders Lynn Berney and Sue Clark;
Percussion Mark Mendicino; Guitar Jonathan Jones;
Livestream Sarah Hefferin; Video Tech Kayden O'Neil

Coming Up This Week

Today:	12:15 p.m.	Faithbuilders
	6:00 p.m.	Rebuild and Reconnect Study
	6:00 p.m.	Catalyst
Tuesday:	10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Pleasant Valley Shelter
	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (virtual)
Thursday:	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Praise Band Rehearsal
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Lay Leader Workshop
	6:00 p.m.	Rebuild and Reconnect Study
	6:00 p.m.	Catalyst Halloween Party

